

FORT HARRISON STATE PARK

2013 DEER REDUCTION INFORMATION SHEET

Note: Hunters who fail to register/check-in onsite each day by 7:30 am local time will forfeit their spot to an onsite standby drawing for that spot. If you show-up later than 7:30 am local time you may participate in the standby drawing.



Important Note

We appreciate your willingness to help manage the impact from deer browsing. For this reduction to be effective, please harvest any deer that presents a safe and ethical shot (within established bag limits), especially those that are antlerless. Please make every effort to be present during the reduction. The number of hunters allowed at each park is strategically calculated. Your absence affects how successfully we reach our objective of a balanced ecosystem.

Thank you for applying to assist with the 2013 State Parks Deer Reduction. All hunters will be responsible for complying with the following hunt regulations.

HUNTERS ARE PROHIBITED FROM PLACING MARKING TAPE ANY PLACE ON FORT HARRISON STATE PARK PROPERTY. USE OF THIS MARKING TAPE WILL RESULT IN THE HUNTERS BEING ASKED TO LEAVE THE PROPERTY AND THEY WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DEER REDUCTIONS.

Date/Time: The 2013 Deer Reduction hunts will be conducted on Monday, November 18th and Tuesday November 19th for the first hunt. Monday, December 2nd and Tuesday December 3rd are the dates for the second hunt. The park will be closed to the general public starting from 7 p.m. EST on the day before each hunt period through 7 a.m. the day following each hunt period. In order to enter the park the days of the hunt, you must show a valid identification. Check in begins at 5:00 a.m. each day of hunt periods.

Hunt Hours: 7:30 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Check In: All hunters must check in at the front gate and then proceed to your assigned area. Please remember that hunting time does not begin until 7:30 a.m. Hunters should sign in only at their assigned hunting areas the second day of each hunt

PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT AUTHORIZED HUNTERS SELECTED FOR THE DEER REDUCTION AT FORT HARRISON STATE PARK, MAY SELECT TO HUNT IN ANY AREA ON

THE SECOND DAY AND PARK IN SUCH DESIGNATED AREA. HUNTERS MUST HUNT IN THEIR ASSIGNED AREAS ON THE FIRST DAY OF EACH HUNT SESSION.

Check Out: Each hunter must check out upon leaving the property with DNR personnel EACH Day of the hunt periods. This may be done with DNR personnel at your hunting area or the check station.

Assigned Area: Fort Harrison State Park has been divided into specific hunting areas. You have been assigned a parking area to access your hunt area. Hunters must hunt and park ONLY in their assigned areas on the first day of each hunt. In most cases colored ribbons will define hunting areas. Ribbons will not mark some of the outer most boundaries; however property boundary signs mark these locations. Please see attached map for hunting and parking area for which you have been assigned. It is the responsibility of each hunter to know their area and confine all hunting to their assigned area.

Temp. Tags: Temporary tags will not be used in the 2013 controlled hunts at Fort Harrison. IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF HUNTERS TO SECURE THEIR DEER. Hunters may take deer, as they are harvested, to a check in location to secure a permanent legal possession tag. FORT HARRISON STATE PARK IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR UNATTENDED DEER. PLEASE PLAN ACCORDINGLY.

Possession Tags: Each successful hunter must have a permanent legal possession tag placed on their harvested deer before leaving Fort Harrison State Park property. Officials located at the deer check station will place these tags on your deer. DO NOT LEAVE WITHOUT COMPLETING THIS VERY IMPORTANT STEP.

Check Stations: Park personnel at the deer check station must check all harvested deer. Information will be collected and a permanent tag attached to each deer. The check station is located at in the Service Area just south of the Visitor Center.

Bag Limit: During each reduction period for which you have been drawn, you are allowed to take up to three deer, **only one of which can be antlered**. Antlered is defined as being three inches or more. These deer do not count against your regular state deer-hunting license or bag limit.

Tree Stands: **Arrows and bolts may only be shot from elevated tree stands. Only NON-PENETRATING** tree stands (with non-penetrating steps) may be put up by those drawn for the hunt. Nails and other piercing devices are not allowed to be put in trees or other items holding stands. Stands may be installed during dates listed below:

November 18th & 19th hunt: November 11th – 17th

December 2nd & 3rd hunt: November 25th - December 1st

If you are assigned to hunt the golf course you may only put up your tree stand on the morning of the hunt. If this is a problem please contact Doug Wickersham, Property Manager, at 317-591-0904.

GROUND BLINDS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED

Hunters will let the gate attendant know that they are here to scout for the upcoming

Deer Reduction. All stands must be removed on the last day of the hunt for each period. A SAFETY HARNESS IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED! All stands must have hunter's name, address and telephone number attached to it. The park or State of Indiana assumes no responsibility for tree stands at anytime.

Scouting: Along with this packet is a map of your assigned hunting area. Hunters wanting to scout areas prior to hunting will be permitted to do so on the same dates given for installing tree stands above. Vehicles parked illegally or blocking fire gates will be towed at owner's expense. All parking within the park must be in designated parking areas. DO NOT PARK ON PRIVATE PROPERTY.

Safety Zones: SAFETY ZONES have been established and marked with yellow ribbon. You may not enter these areas except to retrieve a deer.

Safety: **Use of hunter ORANGE is required by state law. Officers will be ticketing those who do not comply.** A hat or cap AND vest, coat, jacket, or coveralls is required at all times while on the property.
Hunters should disperse themselves from one another to ensure safe hunting distances are maintained at all times.
HUNTERS SHOULD RESPECT DEER STANDS AND MAINTAIN ADEQUATE SAFE DISTANCES FROM ERECTED STANDS IN THEIR SELECTED AREAS. THIS IS NOT ONLY BASIC RESPECT FOR FELLOW HUNTERS BUT IS ALSO A SAFETY FACTOR, WHICH IS EXPECTED OF ALL HUNTERS, PARTICIPATING IN THE DEER REDUCTION AT FORT HARRISON.

Safety cont.: All hunters for the 2013 Deer Reduction must be eighteen (18) before the first day of the hunt.

Absolutely NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES will be allowed in the park.
Participants are asked to refrain from consuming alcoholic beverages at least 10 hours prior to hunt periods.

Hunter Ethics: YOU ARE HUNTING IN AN URBAN AREA. Public scrutiny demands we act as responsible hunters. Respect the property of adjacent landowners. Prior approval must be obtained before entering onto private land to retrieve downed deer. This can be done by calling the emergency contact numbers you will be given when you sign in the first day of your selected hunting period. NOTE: REFERENCE 2013-2014 INDIANA HUNTING AND TRAPPING GUIDE: "IT IS ILLEGAL TO HUNT, TRAP OR RETRIEVE GAME ON PRIVATE LAND WITHOUT THE CONSENT OF THE LANDOWNER OR TENANT. ALWAYS ASK PERMISSION BEFORE ENTERING PRIVATE PROPERTY."

Substitutes: Do not attempt to come up with a substitute if you know you cannot participate in the reduction hunt. Contact the property office no later than Friday prior to hunt periods in order for the staff to update hunter information.

Hunters With

Disabilities: All hunters and all persons in their hunting party, that have indicated that he/she possesses an accessible hunting license, will be assigned to hunt in the Camp Glenn area. We are requesting all hunters with a valid accessible hunting license to contact the

park at least one week prior to their first hunt date. Hunt officials will assist hunters with requests on an individual basis. Please contact the Fort Harrison State Park office to speak with a hunt official at 317-591-0904.

Parking: Each hunter will be assigned a parking area for his/her area (SEE ATTACHED MAP).
PARK ONLY IN DESIGNATED AREAS.

Retrieval: You are responsible to retrieve your deer from the field. If you do need assistance, please make the check station aware of this and an effort will be made to provide assistance. DO NOT leave the property and trespass on private property in an attempt to retrieve a downed deer. Contact the check station or park personnel immediately.

Field Dressing: Please do not field dress deer in any mowed or public area. Field dress at least 50 ft. from any road or trail and cover the entrails with leaf litter.

Protesters: If you encounter any protesters, please do not talk with them or enter into any arguments. Contact property personnel immediately and they will handle the matter.

Enforcement: Indiana Conservation Officers will be on duty to enforce all hunting regulations and to ensure a safe hunt. They will also be available to answer questions and provide assistance when required.

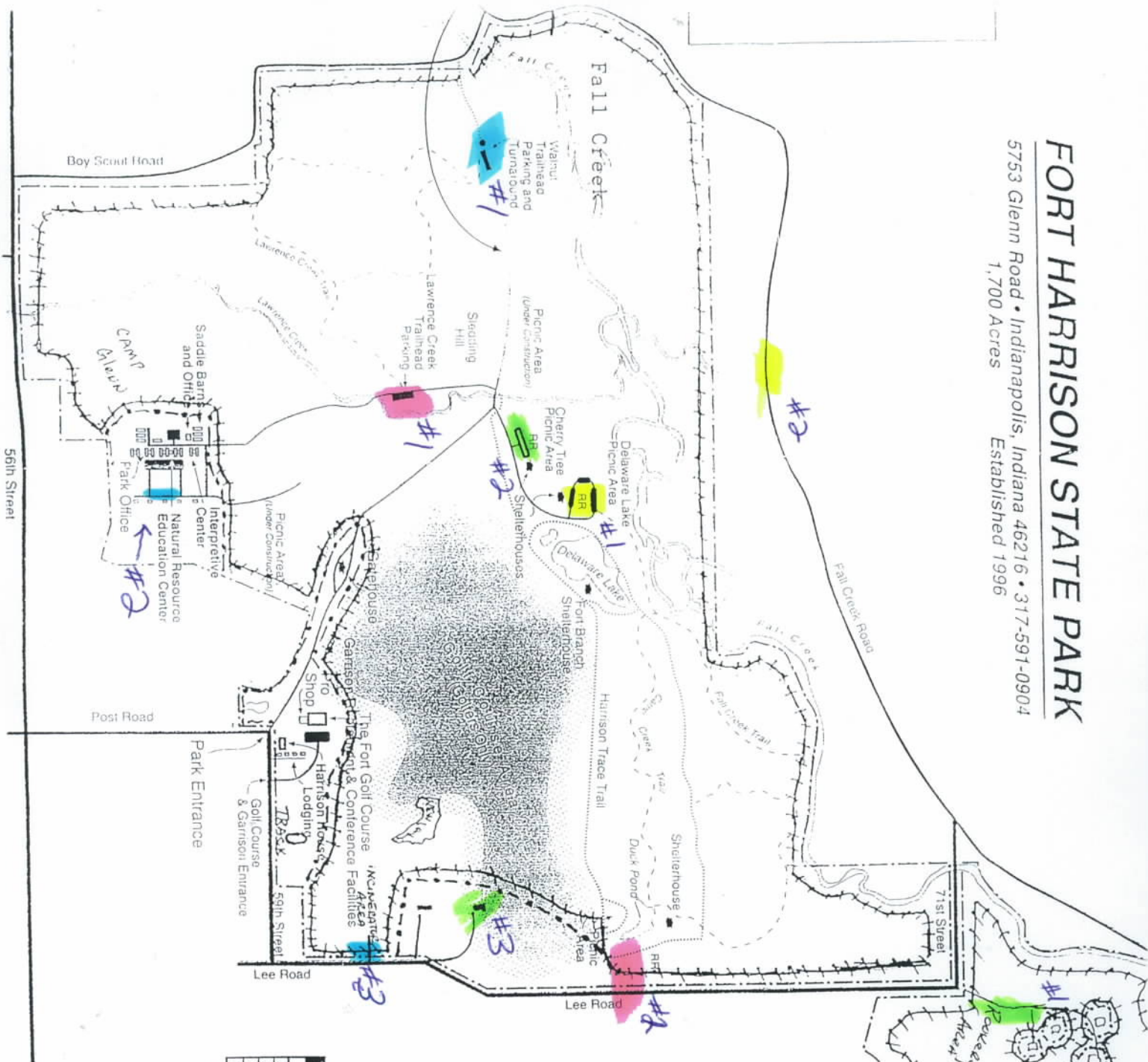
Hunters not complying with these regulations for the hunts may forfeit their privilege to participate and be required to leave the property.

Misc: Only department personnel administering the hunt, news media, and the hunters who have been drawn will be permitted on the property during the hunt periods. Friends and family will not be permitted to wait for hunters on the property during the hunt periods. Hunters who have questions not directly answered by these regulations and information should contact the park office prior to the hunt.

Thank you for participating in the 2013 deer reduction. You may hunt either one or both days during the hunting periods for which your name has been drawn. REMEMBER, ONLY HUNTERS WHO'S APPLICATION HAS BEEN DRAWN MAY HUNT. We hope you will make the most of this opportunity to fulfill our goal of reducing the deer population at Fort Harrison State Park. If you do not plan to show up at any time during the hunt periods for which your name was drawn, please call the park as soon as possible so we may update the hunter information. Please remember YOU MAY NOT DESIGNATE A SUBSTITUTE. As a final note, hunters are encouraged to put safety first during the hunt periods. Our first and primary goal is to have a safe hunt. Please feel free to contact the park office during business hours for any question which may arise. SAFE HUNTING!

FORT HARRISON STATE PARK

5753 Glenn Road • Indianapolis, Indiana 46216 • 317-591-0904
1,700 Acres Established 1996



PARKING AREAS

- WT: Walnut Trailhead #1
- LC: Lawrence Creek Trailhead #1
- CG: Camp Glenn #2 #3
- IA: Incinerator Area #1 #3
- RA: Rookery Area #1
- DL: Delaware Lake #1
- CT: Cherry Tree #2 #3
- GC: Golf Course #2 #3
- FC: Fall Creek Area #2
- DP: Duck Pond #2

----- : continuous line inside boundary is hunting limits
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No Hunting/Hunters

LEGEND	
	Road
	Hiking Trail
	Harrison Trace
	Paved Trail
	Boundary
	Restroom
	Parking

TRAIL	MILEAGE	TRAIL TYPE
Lawrence Creek	2.0	Moderate
Fall Creek	1.1	Moderate
Camp Glenn	1.0	Moderate
Harrison Trace	2.5	Easy

